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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Tsumori

Serial No.: 10/646,506

Filed: August 22, 2003

For: *Substrate for Perpendicular Magnetic Recording Hard Disk Medium and Method for Producing the Same*

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PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE

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As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of August 22, 2003 rather than August 25, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of August 22, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

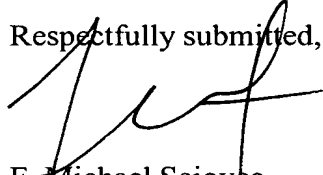
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2. A true and accurate copy of the Express Mail Receipt marked by the United States Postal Service ("USPS") as a "date-in" or deposit date with the USPS on August 22, 2003; and
3. A true and accurate copy of our return post card and of the official filing receipt for this application sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, showing that Applicant was improperly given the filing date of August 25, 2003 instead of the Express Mail date of August 22, 2003.

This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of August 22, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

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On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,




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☒ and claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 2002-244837; filed August 26, 2002 and Japanese Application No. 2002-244838; filed August 26, 2002.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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Entitled:

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 - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below]
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5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
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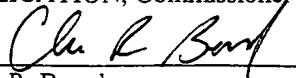

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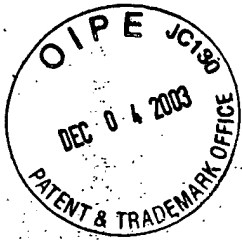
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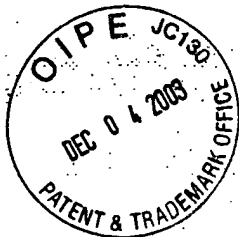
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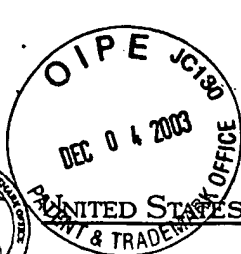
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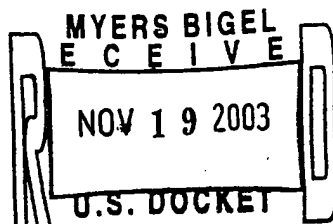


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